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MAIN FEATURES

In March 1981 the estimated number of persons in the civilian labour force in Victoria was 1,843,200 (1,140,100 males and 703,100 females) comprising 1,730,900 employed persons and 112,300 unemployed persons.

The unemployment rate was 6.1 per cent of the labour force compared with 6.4 per cent for the previous month and 5.9 per cent in March 1980.

The average weekly hours worked for full-time workers was 38.8 hours.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This monthly publication, first published for August 1978, contains Victorian labour force estimates derived from the population survey conducted throughout Australia each month by the ABS.

Conduct of ABS population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 6,500 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about one half of one per cent of the Victorian population. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and the 12th of each month. Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays December surveys commence a week earlier than usual (with most interviews being conducted during the second week) and January surveys commence a week later than usual. The information obtained relates to the week prior to the interview (i.e., the survey week).

Scope of survey

3. All persons aged fifteen years and over are included in the survey except: members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic

personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

Definitions

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e., whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions recommended by the International Labour Organisation.

Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission, or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers, and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e., unpaid family helper); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks, up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Unemployed persons are those 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:

(i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e., lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or

(b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories "employed" or "unemployed".

Average (mean) duration of unemployment is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Median duration of unemployment is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other persons whose duration is below it.

Reliability of estimates

5. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the **standard error**, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that

would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of survey estimates and month-to-month movements are shown at the foot of page 15.

Related publications

6. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications, available on request:

- 6201.0 Unemployment, Australia (Preliminary Estimates) (monthly)
- 6202.0 The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary) (monthly)
- 6203.0 The Labour Force, Australia (monthly)
- 6204.0 The Labour Force, Australia (annual)
- 6231.0 Job Vacancies, Australia (quarterly)
- 6232.0 Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey (irregular)
- 6236.0 Unemployment, Underemployment, and Related Statistics, Australia, February 1978 to February 1980 (irregular)
- 6239.0 Information Paper: Review of ABS Employment Statistics, July 1981
- 6330.0 Overtime, Australia (monthly)

7. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS Office.

8. Other unpublished data from labour force surveys on aspects of the Victorian labour force is held by the Victorian Office of the ABS, and may be available on request. Please telephone Information Services Section (Labour force statistics) on Melbourne (03) 63 0181, to discuss your requirements.

Symbols and other usages

- n.a. not available
- .. not applicable
- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Figures have been rounded, and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Unemployed looking for work -				Civilian				Partici- pation rate (b) (per cent)
	Empl- oyed (^{'000})	Full- time (^{'000})	Part- time (^{'000})	Total (^{'000})	Labour force (^{'000})	Not in labour force (^{'000})	15 years and over (^{'000})	Unemploy- ment rate (a) (per cent)	
MALES									
1980 - February	1,065.0	46.9	5.7	52.7	1,117.6	295.8	1,413.4	4.7	79.1
March	1,057.4	46.8	5.0	51.8	1,109.2	305.8	1,414.9	4.7	78.4
April	1,057.7	41.4	4.7	46.1	1,103.8	312.9	1,416.7	4.2	77.9
May	1,065.4	45.7	6.5	52.3	1,117.7	300.2	1,417.9	4.7	78.8
June	1,054.7	47.3	5.5	52.8	1,107.5	311.7	1,419.2	4.8	78.0
July	1,062.4	47.0	6.0	53.0	1,115.4	305.2	1,420.6	4.8	78.5
August	1,061.8	49.5	*	53.6	1,115.4	306.6	1,422.0	4.8	78.4
September	1,068.7	50.6	*	53.8	1,122.5	301.3	1,423.8	4.8	78.8
October	1,065.5	46.1	*	49.8	1,115.2	311.3	1,426.6	4.5	78.2
November	1,068.7	42.2	*	44.5	1,113.2	313.5	1,426.7	4.0	78.0
December	1,087.7	53.3	5.4	58.8	1,146.4	281.4	1,427.8	5.1	80.3
1981 - January	1,068.8	51.0	*	54.0	1,122.7	307.1	1,429.8	4.8	78.5
February	1,078.9	53.1	*	57.2	1,136.1	294.7	1,430.8	5.0	79.4
March	1,086.4	48.5	5.2	53.7	1,140.1	292.0	1,432.1	4.7	79.6
MARRIED FEMALES									
1980 - February	391.9	12.7	10.1	22.8	414.7	508.6	923.3	5.5	44.9
March	398.8	11.2	11.8	22.9	421.7	499.0	920.7	5.4	45.8
April	389.1	12.9	11.5	24.4	413.5	509.9	923.3	5.9	44.8
May	388.4	10.3	9.5	19.8	408.2	515.4	923.6	4.9	44.2
June	394.6	12.4	10.4	22.7	417.3	505.2	922.5	5.5	45.2
July	398.9	11.8	8.3	20.1	418.9	498.8	917.8	4.8	45.6
August	405.5	12.9	7.8	20.7	426.1	504.5	930.7	4.8	45.8
September	397.5	14.1	10.3	24.4	421.8	504.6	926.4	5.7	45.5
October	394.1	14.5	11.5	26.0	420.1	516.1	936.1	6.2	44.9
November	398.3	13.0	8.8	21.8	420.1	512.3	932.4	5.2	45.1
December	393.9	13.6	8.3	22.0	415.9	515.8	931.7	5.3	44.6
1981 - January	375.2	8.8	6.6	15.4	390.6	546.8	937.4	3.9	41.7
February	392.3	14.0	10.9	24.9	417.2	517.7	934.9	6.0	44.6
March	406.8	13.2	13.8	26.9	433.7	501.0	934.7	6.2	46.4
OTHER FEMALES (c)									
1980 - February	229.3	29.4	*	33.6	262.9	275.8	538.7	12.8	48.8
March	229.2	23.8	6.7	30.5	259.7	283.5	543.2	11.7	47.8
April	227.6	28.0	6.0	34.0	261.6	280.9	542.5	13.0	48.2
May	234.9	24.8	7.3	32.1	266.9	276.6	543.5	12.0	49.1
June	235.5	26.6	5.9	32.5	268.0	278.3	546.3	12.1	49.1
July	236.3	25.0	5.7	30.7	267.1	285.1	552.2	11.5	48.4
August	233.2	25.0	5.0	30.1	263.3	277.6	540.9	11.4	48.7
September	238.3	23.3	7.6	30.8	269.1	278.0	547.2	11.5	49.2
October	234.4	23.0	5.6	28.6	263.0	277.0	539.9	10.9	48.7
November	233.7	24.1	5.0	29.2	262.9	281.2	544.1	11.1	48.3
December	246.0	31.5	7.3	38.9	284.8	261.4	546.2	13.6	52.1
1981 - January	232.0	34.0	4.7	38.7	270.7	271.6	542.3	14.3	49.9
February	234.6	28.8	5.0	33.8	268.3	277.7	546.0	12.6	49.1
March	237.8	27.8	*	31.6	269.4	278.1	547.5	11.7	49.2

TABLE 1. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - continued

Month	Unemployed looking for work -				Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over	Unemploy- ment rate (a)	Partici- pation rate (b)
	Empl- oyed	Full- time	Part- time	Total					
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	(per cent)	(per cent)
ALL FEMALES									
1980 - February	621.3	42.1	14.2	56.3	677.6	784.4	1,462.0	8.3	46.3
March	628.0	34.9	18.5	53.4	681.4	782.4	1,463.8	7.8	46.6
April	616.7	40.9	17.5	58.4	675.0	790.7	1,465.8	8.6	46.1
May	623.3	35.0	16.9	51.9	675.2	792.0	1,467.2	7.7	46.0
June	630.0	39.0	16.3	55.3	685.3	783.4	1,468.8	8.1	46.7
July	635.2	36.7	14.0	50.8	686.0	783.9	1,469.9	7.4	46.7
August	638.7	37.9	12.8	50.7	689.4	782.2	1,471.6	7.4	46.8
September	635.8	37.3	17.9	55.2	691.0	782.6	1,473.6	8.0	46.9
October	628.5	37.5	17.1	54.6	683.1	793.0	1,476.1	8.0	46.3
November	631.9	37.2	13.8	51.0	683.0	793.6	1,476.6	7.5	46.3
December	639.9	45.2	15.7	60.8	700.7	777.2	1,477.9	8.7	47.4
1981 - January	607.2	42.8	11.3	54.1	661.3	818.4	1,479.7	8.2	44.7
February	626.9	42.8	15.8	58.6	685.5	795.4	1,480.9	8.6	46.3
March	644.6	41.0	17.6	58.6	703.1	779.1	1,482.2	8.3	47.4
PERSONS									
1980 - February	1,686.2	89.0	20.0	109.0	1,795.2	1,080.2	2,875.4	6.1	62.4
March	1,685.4	81.7	23.5	105.2	1,790.6	1,088.2	2,878.8	5.9	62.2
April	1,674.4	82.2	22.2	104.5	1,778.8	1,103.6	2,882.5	5.9	61.7
May	1,688.6	80.8	23.4	104.2	1,792.8	1,092.2	2,885.0	5.8	62.1
June	1,684.7	86.3	21.8	108.1	1,792.8	1,095.1	2,887.9	6.0	62.1
July	1,697.6	83.8	20.1	103.8	1,801.4	1,089.1	2,890.5	5.8	62.3
August	1,700.5	87.4	16.9	104.3	1,804.8	1,088.7	2,893.6	5.8	62.4
September	1,704.5	87.9	21.1	109.0	1,813.5	1,083.8	2,897.3	6.0	62.6
October	1,693.9	83.6	20.8	104.4	1,798.3	1,104.3	2,902.6	5.8	62.0
November	1,700.6	79.4	16.1	95.5	1,796.1	1,107.1	2,903.3	5.3	61.9
December	1,727.6	98.5	21.1	119.6	1,847.2	1,058.6	2,905.8	6.5	63.6
1981 - January	1,675.9	93.8	14.3	108.1	1,784.0	1,125.5	2,909.5	6.1	61.3
February	1,705.8	95.9	19.9	115.8	1,821.6	1,090.1	2,911.8	6.4	62.6
March	1,730.9	89.5	22.7	112.3	1,843.2	1,071.1	2,914.3	6.1	63.2

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
 (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced.

TABLE 2. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, MARCH 1981

Marital status	Employed (¹ 000)	Unemployed (¹ 000)	Labour force (¹ 000)	Not in labour force (¹ 000)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (¹ 000)	Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)	Participation rate (b) (per cent)
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION							
Males -							
Married	527.4	14.1	541.5	111.8	653.3	2.6	82.9
Other (c)	246.5	28.7	275.2	93.5	368.7	10.4	74.6
Total	773.9	42.8	816.7	205.3	1,022.0	5.2	79.9
Females -							
Married	299.4	21.7	321.1	345.2	666.3	6.8	48.2
Other (c)	181.7	22.4	204.0	201.4	405.4	11.0	50.3
Total	481.0	44.1	525.1	546.6	1,071.7	8.4	49.0
Persons -							
Married	826.8	35.8	862.6	457.0	1,319.5	4.2	65.4
Other (c)	428.2	51.1	479.2	295.0	774.2	10.7	61.9
Total	1,254.9	86.9	1,341.8	751.9	2,093.7	6.5	64.1
REST OF VICTORIA							
Males -							
Married	216.8	*	220.7	49.1	269.8	*	81.8
Other (c)	95.7	7.0	102.7	37.6	140.2	6.8	73.2
Total	312.5	10.9	323.4	86.7	410.1	3.4	78.9
Females -							
Married	107.4	5.2	112.6	155.8	268.5	4.7	42.0
Other (c)	56.1	9.3	65.4	76.7	142.1	14.2	46.0
Total	163.5	14.5	178.1	232.5	410.5	8.2	43.4
Persons -							
Married	324.2	9.2	333.4	204.9	538.3	2.8	61.9
Other (c)	151.8	16.3	168.1	114.2	282.3	9.7	59.5
Total	476.0	25.4	501.4	319.1	820.6	5.1	61.1
TOTAL VICTORIA							
Males -							
Married	744.2	18.0	762.2	160.9	923.1	2.4	82.6
Other (c)	342.2	35.7	377.9	131.1	508.9	9.4	74.2
Total	1,086.4	53.7	1,140.1	292.0	1,432.1	4.7	79.6
Females -							
Married	406.8	26.9	433.7	501.0	934.7	6.2	46.4
Other (c)	237.8	31.6	269.4	278.1	547.5	11.7	49.2
Total	644.6	58.6	703.1	779.1	1,482.2	8.3	47.4
Persons -							
Married	1,151.0	45.0	1,195.9	661.9	1,857.8	3.8	64.5
Other (c)	580.0	67.3	647.3	409.2	1,056.5	10.4	61.3
Total	1,730.9	112.3	1,843.2	1,071.1	2,914.3	6.1	63.2

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced.

TABLE 3. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY AGE, MARCH 1981

Age group (years)	Number ('000)					Participation rate (per cent) (b)				
	Males	Married females	Other		Persons	Males	Married females	Other		Persons
			females (a)	All females				females (a)	All females	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
15 - 64 -	804.9	319.2	201.7	521.0	1,325.8	87.5	52.7	64.8	56.8	72.2
15 - 19	76.6	*	66.6	69.2	145.8	63.1	*	58.9	58.6	60.9
20 - 24	112.2	32.6	58.5	91.1	203.4	89.2	62.5	82.3	74.0	81.7
25 - 34	220.8	101.0	42.1	143.1	363.9	97.1	54.6	84.6	60.9	78.7
35 - 44	167.8	96.0	13.7	109.7	277.5	96.3	64.1	68.0	64.6	80.6
45 - 54	137.7	65.0	13.0	78.0	215.7	92.0	53.6	57.7	54.2	73.5
55 - 59	59.9	16.3	5.5	21.8	81.6	85.8	30.3	34.3	31.3	58.5
60 - 64	29.9	5.8	*	8.0	37.9	57.6	15.0	*	14.2	35.0
65 and over	11.8	*	*	*	15.9	11.6	*	*	*	6.2
Total	816.7	321.1	204.0	525.1	1,341.8	79.9	48.2	50.3	49.0	64.1
REST OF VICTORIA										
15 - 64 -	314.5	111.1	64.6	175.7	490.1	87.9	46.0	62.1	50.9	69.7
15 - 19	34.9	*	27.7	28.7	62.9	67.0	*	57.3	56.9	62.1
20 - 24	43.7	11.5	18.9	30.4	74.1	95.1	52.9	91.0	71.5	83.8
25 - 34	80.6	33.8	7.3	41.0	121.6	98.0	46.9	75.7	50.3	74.2
35 - 44	64.2	34.0	*	37.8	102.0	97.4	59.8	*	60.0	79.1
45 - 54	53.7	21.6	*	25.9	79.6	91.3	44.3	*	46.3	69.4
55 - 59	25.2	7.2	*	9.1	34.4	87.1	30.4	*	31.4	59.2
60 - 64	12.2	*	*	*	15.6	51.7	*	*	*	32.7
65 and over	8.9	*	*	*	11.3	17.0	*	*	*	9.6
Total	323.4	112.6	65.4	178.1	501.4	78.9	42.0	46.0	43.4	61.1
TOTAL VICTORIA										
15 - 64 -	1,119.4	430.3	266.4	696.6	1,816.0	87.6	50.8	64.2	55.2	71.5
15 - 19	111.5	*	94.3	97.2	208.7	64.3	*	58.4	58.1	61.2
20 - 24	155.9	44.1	77.5	121.6	277.5	90.8	59.7	84.3	73.3	82.2
25 - 34	301.3	134.8	49.4	184.1	485.5	97.3	52.4	83.1	58.2	77.5
35 - 44	232.0	129.9	17.6	147.5	379.5	96.6	62.9	66.6	63.3	80.2
45 - 54	191.4	86.7	17.3	103.9	295.3	91.8	50.9	58.2	52.0	72.3
55 - 59	85.1	23.5	7.4	30.9	116.0	86.2	30.3	34.7	31.3	58.7
60 - 64	42.1	8.5	*	11.4	53.5	55.8	15.2	*	14.1	34.3
65 and over	20.7	*	*	6.5	27.2	13.4	*	*	2.9	7.3
Total	1,140.1	433.7	269.4	703.1	1,843.2	79.6	46.4	49.2	47.4	63.2

(a) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 4. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE,
AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1981

Birthplace particulars	Employed ('000)			Unemp- loyed (('000)	Labour force (('000)	Unemploy- ment rate (b) (per cent)	Particip- ation rate (c) (per cent)
	Full-time	Part-time	Total				
MALES							
Born in Australia	710.2	43.7	753.9	36.8	790.8	4.7	79.6
Born outside Australia -	320.7	11.8	332.5	16.9	349.3	4.8	81.5
Place of birth -							
Greece	25.8	*	26.6	*	28.8	*	77.3
Italy	52.7	*	53.2	*	54.2	*	85.5
Yugoslavia	25.9	*	27.2	*	28.9	*	83.8
U.K. and Ireland	93.7	*	97.1	4.7	101.8	4.6	80.6
New Zealand	9.1	*	9.6	*	9.8	*	84.9
Other countries	113.5	5.3	118.8	6.9	125.7	5.5	80.9
Main English -							
speaking countries (d)	107.6	*	111.7	5.4	117.1	4.6	80.6
Other than main English -							
speaking countries	213.1	7.7	220.7	11.5	232.2	5.0	82.0
Period of arrival in							
Australia -							
Arrived before 1961	139.6	5.3	144.8	*	149.0	*	75.2
Arrived from 1961 to 1965	46.2	*	48.2	*	50.6	*	86.3
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	67.0	*	68.4	5.4	73.8	7.3	90.7
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	39.1	*	40.0	*	42.4	*	87.4
Arrived from 1976 to							
survey date	28.9	*	31.1	*	33.4	*	80.4
FEMALES							
Born in Australia	290.2	174.9	465.0	42.4	507.4	8.4	47.5
Born outside Australia -	130.8	48.7	179.5	16.2	195.7	8.3	49.7
Place of birth -							
Greece	13.6	*	17.7	*	19.8	*	53.4
Italy	17.0	*	20.2	*	21.3	*	40.1
Yugoslavia	14.4	*	15.9	*	16.7	*	60.3
U.K. and Ireland	35.6	20.6	56.2	*	59.5	*	51.3
New Zealand	*	*	7.0	*	17.6	*	59.4
Other countries	45.8	16.8	62.6	8.1	70.7	11.4	48.1
Main English -							
speaking countries (d)	42.7	24.5	67.1	*	71.1	*	52.1
Other than main English -							
speaking countries	88.1	24.2	112.4	12.2	124.6	9.8	48.4
Period of arrival in							
Australia -							
Arrived before 1961	42.4	20.5	63.0	*	66.3	*	37.9
Arrived from 1961 to 1965	22.4	8.8	31.1	*	34.0	*	57.2
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	28.0	8.8	36.8	*	39.0	*	58.5
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	20.7	5.3	26.0	*	28.9	*	63.3
Arrived from 1976 to							
survey date	17.3	5.2	22.5	5.0	27.6	18.3	58.6

TABLE 4. VICTORIA - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE,
AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1981 - continued

Birthplace particulars	Employed ('000)			Unemp- loyed ('000)	Labour force ('000)	Unemploy- ment rate (b) (per cent)	Particip- ation rate (c) (per cent)
	Full-time	Part-time	Total				
PERSONS							
Born in Australia	1,000.4	218.6	1,219.0	79.2	1,298.2	6.1	63.0
Born outside Australia -	451.5	60.5	512.0	33.1	545.0	6.1	66.3
Place of birth -							
Greece	39.4	4.9	44.3	*	48.7	*	65.4
Italy	69.7	*	73.3	*	75.5	*	64.8
Yugoslav ia	40.3	*	43.0	*	45.7	*	73.3
U.K. and Ireland	129.3	24.1	153.3	8.0	161.4	5.0	66.6
New Zealand	13.5	*	16.5	*	17.4	*	71.5
Other countries	159.3	22.1	181.5	15.0	196.4	7.6	65.0
Main English -							
speaking countries (d)	150.3	28.6	178.9	9.3	188.2	5.0	66.8
Other than main English -							
speaking countries	301.2	31.9	333.1	23.7	356.8	6.6	66.0
Africa	12.1	*	13.1	*	13.5	*	73.7
America	11.5	*	13.1	*	13.9	*	74.3
Asia	44.4	*	48.8	7.2	56.0	12.9	63.9
Europe	369.1	49.6	418.7	23.2	441.9	5.3	66.0
Oceania	14.1	*	18.1	*	19.5	*	70.8
Period of arrival in							
Australia -							
Arrived before 1961	182.0	25.8	207.8	7.4	215.3	3.5	57.7
Arrived from 1961 to 1965	68.5	10.8	79.3	5.3	84.6	6.3	71.6
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	95.0	10.2	105.2	7.6	112.8	6.7	76.2
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	59.8	6.2	66.0	5.3	71.3	7.4	75.7
Arrived from 1976 to							
survey date	46.1	7.4	53.6	7.4	61.0	12.2	68.9

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. Because it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace of persons in institutions (who are classified as not in the labour force), labour force participation rates for persons classified by birthplace are calculated by using population estimates which exclude those in institutions. (d) Comprises United Kingdom and Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa, and New Zealand.

TABLE 5. VICTORIA - EMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, MARCH 1981
(¹000)

Marital status	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION									
Males -									
Married	*	22.7	152.3	144.8	119.4	52.8	24.5	10.7	527.4
Other (a)	65.2	78.7	57.9	19.0	15.3	5.4	*	*	246.5
Total	65.4	101.4	210.2	163.8	134.7	58.2	28.7	11.6	773.9
Females -									
Married	*	30.6	90.9	89.7	62.7	15.8	5.8	*	299.4
Other (a)	54.8	52.8	39.9	12.9	11.7	5.3	*	*	181.7
Total	56.8	83.4	130.8	102.6	74.4	21.1	8.0	*	481.0
Persons -									
Married	*	53.3	243.2	234.5	182.1	68.6	330.2	12.6	826.8
Other (a)	120.0	131.5	97.8	31.8	27.0	10.7	6.5	*	428.2
Total	122.2	184.8	341.0	266.4	209.0	79.3	36.7	15.5	1,254.9
REST OF VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	7.5	62.5	58.4	47.3	22.8	10.6	7.6	216.8
Other(a)	30.9	34.4	16.2	4.7	5.3	*	*	*	95.7
Total	30.9	41.9	78.7	63.0	52.6	24.8	11.6	8.9	312.5
Females -									
Married	*	10.6	31.2	33.3	20.8	7.0	*	*	107.4
Other (a)	20.9	17.0	6.8	*	*	*	*	*	56.1
Total	21.1	27.5	38.0	37.2	25.1	8.9	*	*	163.5
Persons -									
Married	*	18.1	93.7	91.7	68.1	29.8	13.4	9.2	324.2
Other (a)	51.7	51.3	23.0	8.5	9.6	*	*	*	151.8
Total	52.0	69.4	116.7	100.2	77.7	33.7	15.0	11.3	476.0
TOTAL VICTORIA									
Males -									
Married	*	30.2	214.8	203.2	166.7	75.6	35.1	18.4	744.2
Other (a)	96.1	113.1	74.1	23.6	20.6	7.4	5.2	*	342.2
Total	96.3	143.2	288.9	226.8	187.3	83.0	40.3	20.5	1,086.4
Females -									
Married	*	41.2	122.1	123.0	83.5	22.8	8.5	*	406.8
Other (a)	75.6	70.0	46.7	16.8	16.0	7.2	*	*	237.8
Total	77.9	111.0	168.8	139.8	99.4	30.0	11.4	6.3	644.6
Persons -									
Married	*	71.4	336.9	326.2	250.2	98.5	43.6	21.8	1,151.0
Other (a)	171.7	182.8	120.8	40.4	36.6	14.5	8.1	*	580.0
Total	174.2	254.2	457.7	366.6	286.8	113.0	51.7	26.8	1,730.9

(a) Never married, widowed, and divorced.

TABLE 6. VICTORIA - EMPLOYED PERSONS (a): FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, BY AGE, MARCH 1981 ('000)

Status	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MARRIED MALES									
Full-time workers	*	29.8	211.1	201.0	160.7	73.1	31.5	12.0	719.4
Part-time workers	*	*	5.9		6.0	6.1		6.4	24.8
Total	*	30.2	214.8	203.2	166.7	75.6	35.1	18.4	744.2
OTHER MALES (b)									
Full-time	79.9	106.2	69.4	23.2	19.8	7.4	4.6	*	311.5
Part-time workers	16.2	6.9	4.7	*	*	*	*	*	30.7
Total	96.1	113.1	74.1	23.6	20.6	7.4	5.2	*	342.2
ALL MALES									
Full-time workers	80.2	136.0	280.5	224.2	180.5	80.5	36.0	13.0	1,030.9
Part-time workers	16.2	7.3	8.3	*	6.8	*	*	7.5	55.5
Total	96.3	143.2	288.9	226.8	187.3	83.0	40.3	20.5	1,086.4
MARRIED FEMALES									
Full-time workers	*	32.9	73.7	66.7	46.9	12.7	*	*	237.8
Part-time workers	*	8.3	48.4	56.3	36.5	10.1	6.1	*	169.0
Total	*	41.2	122.1	123.0	83.5	22.8	8.5	*	406.8
OTHER FEMALES (b)									
Full-time workers	49.8	61.1	39.2	12.4	12.9	6.2		*	183.2
Part-time workers	25.9	8.6	7.5	7.5		*	*	*	54.6
Total	75.6	69.8	46.7	16.8	16.0	7.2	5.8		237.8
ALL FEMALES									
Full-time workers	51.6	94.1	112.9	79.1	59.8	17.0	6.5		421.0
Part-time workers	26.3	16.9	55.9	60.6	39.7	13.0	7.1	*	223.6
Total	77.9	111.0	168.8	139.8	99.4	30.0	11.4	6.3	644.6
MARRIED PERSONS									
Full-time workers	*	62.7	284.8	267.7	207.7	85.8	33.8	12.6	957.2
Part-time	*	8.7	52.1	58.5	42.5	12.6	9.8	9.2	193.8
Total	*	71.4	336.9	326.2	250.2	98.5	43.6	21.8	1,151.0
OTHER PERSONS (b)									
Full-time workers	129.7	167.3	108.6	35.6	32.6	11.6	6.5	*	494.7
Part-time workers	42.1	15.5	12.2	4.8	6.9		*	*	85.3
Total	171.7	182.8	120.8	40.4	36.6	14.5	8.1	5.0	580.0
ALL PERSONS									
Full-time workers	131.8	230.0	393.4	303.3	240.3	97.5	40.3	15.3	1,451.9
Part-time workers	42.4	24.2	64.3	63.2	46.5	15.6	11.3	11.5	279.0
Total	174.2	254.2	457.7	366.6	286.8	113.0	51.7	26.8	1,730.9

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Never married, widowed, and divorced.

TABLE 7. VICTORIA - EMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY HOURS WORKED (b), MARCH 1981

Weekly hours worked	Number employed ('000)					Percentage distribution				
	Married		Other		All Persons	Married		Other		All Persons
	Males	females	females	females		Males	females	females	females	
	(c)					(c)				
0 (d)	53.5	19.8	11.3	31.1	84.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9
1-15	31.5	77.2	34.7	111.9	143.4	2.9	19.0	14.6	17.4	8.3
16-29	72.4	84.4	30.8	115.1	187.5	6.7	20.7	13.0	17.8	10.8
30-34	177.2	66.8	44.0	110.8	288.0	16.3	16.4	18.5	17.2	16.6
35-39	122.1	39.4	31.7	71.1	193.2	11.2	9.7	13.3	11.0	11.2
40	303.8	74.8	60.4	135.2	439.0	28.0	18.4	25.3	21.6	25.4
41-44	60.8	13.0	8.8	21.8	82.6	5.6	3.2	3.7	3.4	4.8
45-48	82.7	10.4	8.2	18.5	101.3	7.6	2.5	3.4	2.9	5.8
49-59	93.3	11.7	*	16.0	109.3	8.6	2.9	*	2.5	6.3
60 and over	89.1	9.4	*	12.9	102.0	8.2	2.3	*	2.0	5.9
Total	1,086.4	406.8	237.8	644.5	1,730.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED (e)										
Full-time workers	39.8	36.9	35.4	36.2	38.8	..	..	..	..	..
Part-time workers	16.4	15.5	12.6	14.8	15.1	..	..	..	..	..
All employed persons	38.6	28.0	30.2	28.8	34.9	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Actual hours worked during survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, and absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, accidents, and industrial disputes; and work stoppages caused by bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (d) Persons who had a job from which they were absent for the whole of the survey week. Excludes persons laid off without pay for the whole of the survey week; these persons are classified as unemployed. (e) The relative standard errors of these estimates are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A on page 15), and then multiplying the figure so obtained by a factor of 0.5. For further information, see "Technical Note" in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

TABLE 8. VICTORIA - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY AGE AND WHETHER
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, MARCH 1981

Age group (years)	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (b) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION						
15-19 -	11.2	12.5	23.6	14.6	18.0	16.2
15-17	6.4	6.9	13.3	18.9	21.9	20.3
18-19	4.8	5.6	10.4	11.2	14.8	12.9
Attending school	*	*	*	*	*	*
Not attending school -	8.8	10.5	19.2	12.7	18.3	15.3
Left before 1980	4.6	5.7	10.3	9.6	15.1	12.1
Left from 1980 to survey date	*	4.7	8.9	*	24.7	22.0
20 and over -	31.6	31.6	63.2	4.3	6.9	5.3
20-24	10.9	7.7	18.6	9.7	8.4	9.1
25-34	10.6	12.3	22.9	4.8	8.6	6.3
35-44	*	7.1	11.1	*	6.5	4.0
45-54	*	*	6.7	*	*	3.1
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*
Looking for - Full-time work	38.3	30.2	68.5	5.0	8.6	6.1
Part-time work	4.5	13.8	18.3	10.3	8.1	8.5
Total	42.8	44.1	86.9	5.2	8.4	6.5
REST OF VICTORIA						
15-19 -	*	6.8	10.9	*	24.5	17.3
15-17	*	*	6.6	*	*	20.9
18-19	*	*	*	*	*	*
20 and over -	6.9	7.7	14.6	2.4	5.1	3.3
20-24	*	*	4.7	*	*	6.3
25-34	*	*	4.9	*	*	4.0
35 and over	*	*	5.0	*	*	2.0
Looking for - Full-time work	10.2	10.8	21.0	3.3	9.9	5.1
Part-time work	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	10.9	14.5	25.4	3.4	8.2	5.1
TOTAL VICTORIA						
15-19 -	15.2	19.3	34.5	13.6	19.9	16.5
15-17	9.0	10.9	19.9	17.3	24.2	20.5
18-19	6.2	8.4	14.6	10.4	16.1	13.1
Looking for first job	8.1	10.0	18.1	..	..	..
Not looking for first job	7.1	9.3	16.4	..	..	..
Attending school	*	*	6.4	*	*	20.9
Not attending school -	11.7	16.4	28.1	11.9	20.6	15.8
Left before 1980	6.4	8.3	14.7	9.4	15.5	12.1
Left from 1980 to survey date	5.3	8.1	13.4	17.7	31.0	23.9
20 and over -	38.5	39.3	77.8	3.7	6.5	4.8
20-24	12.7	10.6	23.3	8.1	8.7	8.4
25-34	12.4	15.3	27.8	4.1	8.3	5.7
35-44	5.2	7.8	12.9	2.2	5.3	3.4
45-54	*	4.5	8.6	*	4.3	2.9
55 and over	*	*	5.3	*	*	2.7
Looking for - Full-time work	48.5	41.0	89.5	4.5	8.9	5.8
Part-time work	5.2	17.6	22.7	8.5	7.3	7.5
Total	53.7	58.6	112.3	4.7	8.3	6.1

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

TABLE 9. VICTORIA - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (b), MARCH 1981

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	Number ('000)			Percentage distribution		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Under 2	*	6.3	10.2	*	10.8	9.1
2 and under 4	7.3	5.8	13.1	13.6	9.9	11.7
4 and under 8	5.1	10.3	15.4	9.5	17.6	13.7
8 and under 13	7.4	8.7	16.1	13.8	14.8	14.3
13 and under 26	10.4	10.8	21.2	19.3	18.4	18.9
26 and under 52	8.8	6.8	15.6	16.4	11.6	13.9
52 and over	10.8	9.9	20.7	20.1	16.9	18.4
Total unemployed	53.7	58.6	112.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average (mean) duration (c)	29.5	27.5	28.5	..	..	..
Median duration (c)	16.9	11.9	13.8	..	..	..

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Period from the time the person began looking for work, or was laid off, to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks, resulting in a slight understatement of duration of unemployment. (c) The relative standard errors of these estimates are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A on page 15), and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors: average duration of unemployment: 1.5; median duration of unemployment: 2.0. For further information, see "Technical Note" in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

TABLE 10. VICTORIA - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) BY BIRTHPLACE, MARCH 1981

Particulars	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (b) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BORN IN AUSTRALIA						
Looking for - Full-time work	32.6	29.9	62.5	4.4	9.3	5.9
Part-time work	*	12.5	16.7	*	6.7	7.1
Marital status - Married	8.5	15.4	23.9	1.7	5.4	3.1
Not married (c)	28.3	27.0	55.4	9.4	12.1	10.6
Total born in Australia	36.8	42.4	79.2	4.7	8.4	6.1
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
Looking for - Full-time work	15.9	11.1	27.0	4.7	7.8	5.7
Part-time work	*	5.1	6.0	*	9.4	9.0
Marital status - Married	9.5	11.6	21.1	3.5	7.7	5.0
Not married (c)	7.3	4.6	11.9	9.5	10.1	9.7
Period of arrival in Australia -						
Arrived before 1966	6.6	6.1	12.7	3.3	6.1	4.2
Arrived from 1966 to 1970	5.4	*	7.6	7.3	*	6.7
Arrived from 1971 to 1975	*	*	5.3	*	*	7.4
Arrived from 1976 to survey date	*	5.0	7.4	*	18.3	12.2
Place of birth -						
Main English-speaking countries (d)	5.4	*	9.3	4.6	*	5.0
Other than main English-speaking countries	11.5	12.2	23.7	5.0	9.8	6.6
Total born outside Australia	16.9	16.2	33.1	4.8	8.3	6.1

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (d) Comprises United Kingdom and Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa, and New Zealand.

TABLE 11. VICTORIA - PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,
MARCH 1981

Characteristics	Males				Females				Persons	
	Married (b) (^{'000})	Other (b) (^{'000})	Total (^{'000})	Proportion of male population (c) (per cent)	Married (b) (^{'000})	Other (b) (^{'000})	Total (^{'000})	Proportion of female population (c) (per cent)	Total (^{'000})	Proportion of population (c) (per cent)
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION										
Age (years) -										
15-64 -	41.5	73.9	115.4	12.5	286.2	109.4	395.5	43.2	510.9	27.8
15-19	*	44.6	44.8	36.9	*	46.5	49.0	41.4	93.7	39.1
20-24	*	11.8	13.6	10.8	19.5	12.6	32.1	26.0	45.7	18.3
25-34	*	45	6.6	2.9	84.2	7.7	91.8	39.1	98.4	21.3
35-44	*	*	6.5	3.7	53.8	6.5	60.2	35.4	66.7	19.4
45-54	8.3	*	12.0	8.0	56.4	9.5	65.9	45.8	77.9	26.5
55-59	7.5	*	9.9	14.2	37.4	10.5	47.9	68.8	57.9	41.5
60-64	17.8	*	22.0	42.4	32.5	16.0	48.6	85.8	70.5	65.0
65-69	26.5	5.9	32.5	79.6	28.2	20.8	48.9	95.0	81.4	88.2
70 and over	43.8	13.7	57.5	94.3	30.9	71.3	102.2	98.5	159.6	97.0
Total	111.8	93.5	205.3	20.1	345.2	201.4	546.6	51.0	751.9	35.9
Permanently unable to work (d)	n.a.	n.a.	5.5	..	n.a.	n.a.	6.5	..	12.0	..
In institutions	n.a.	n.a.	7.8	..	n.a.	n.a.	16.0	..	23.8	..
Aged 15-20 years attending school	n.a.	n.a.	37.7	..	n.a.	n.a.	33.3	..	71.1	..

REST OF VICTORIA

Age (years) -										
15-64 -	14.6	28.5	43.1	12.1	130.2	39.4	169.6	49.1	212.7	30.3
15-19	*	17.2	17.2	33.0	*	20.7	21.1	43.1	38.3	37.9
20-24	*	*	*	*	10.2	*	12.1	28.5	14.4	16.2
25-34	*	*	*	*	38.2	*	40.5	49.7	42.2	25.8
35-44	*	*	*	*	22.9	*	25.2	40.0	27.0	20.9
45-54	*	*	5.1	8.7	27.2	*	30.0	53.7	35.1	30.6
55-59	*	*	*	*	16.6	*	20.0	68.6	23.7	40.8
60-64	7.8	*	11.4	48.3	14.7	5.9	20.6	86.0	32.0	67.3
65-69	14.4	*	16.6	78.9	11.7	8.6	20.3	93.8	37.0	86.5
70 and over	20.1	6.8	26.9	85.7	13.9	28.7	42.6	97.6	69.5	92.6
Total	49.1	37.6	86.7	21.1	155.8	76.7	232.5	56.6	319.1	38.9
Permanently unable to work (d)	n.a.	n.a.	*	..	n.a.	n.a.	*	..	*	..
In institutions	n.a.	n.a.	*	..	n.a.	n.a.	5.0	..	7.1	..
Aged 15-20 years attending school	n.a.	n.a.	13.7	..	n.a.	n.a.	16.6	..	30.3	..

TABLE 11. VICTORIA - PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,
MARCH 1981 - continued

Characteristics	Males				Females				Persons	
	Married	Other	Total	Proportion of male population (c)	Married	Other	Total	Proportion of female population (c)	Total	Proportion of population (c)
('000)	('000)	('000)	(per cent)	('000)	('000)	('000)	(per cent)	('000)	(per cent)	
TOTAL VICTORIA										
Age (years) -										
15-64-	56.1	102.4	158.6	12.4	416.3	148.7	565.1	44.8	723.6	28.5
15-19	*	61.8	62.0	35.7	*	67.2	70.1	41.9	132.1	38.8
20-24	*	13.9	15.9	9.2	29.7	14.4	44.2	26.7	60.1	17.8
25-34	*	5.9	8.3	2.7	122.3	10.0	132.3	41.8	140.6	22.5
35-44	4.9	*	8.2	3.4	76.6	8.8	85.5	36.7	93.7	19.8
45-54	11.8	5.4	17.1	8.2	83.5	12.4	95.9	48.0	113.1	27.7
55-59	9.2	4.5	13.7	13.8	53.9	13.9	67.9	68.7	81.6	41.3
60-64	25.6	7.8	33.4	44.2	47.3	21.9	69.2	85.9	102.6	65.7
65-69	40.9	8.1	49.0	79.4	39.9	29.4	69.3	94.6	118.3	87.6
70 and over	63.8	20.5	84.4	91.4	44.8	100.0	144.8	98.3	229.2	95.6
Total	160.9	131.1	292.0	20.4	501.0	278.1	779.1	52.6	1,071.1	36.8
Permanently unable										
to work (d)	n.a.	n.a.	7.7	..	n.a.	n.a.	8.1	..	15.9	..
In institutions	n.a.	n.a.	9.9	..	n.a.	n.a.	21.0	..	30.9	..
Aged 15-20 years										
attending school	n.a.	n.a.	51.5	..	n.a.	n.a.	49.9	..	101.4	..

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. (b) Never married, widowed, and divorced. (c) Persons not in the labour force as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group. (d) Non-institutionalised persons only.

TABLE A. VICTORIA - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES
(1'000)

Size of estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.7	3.5	4.4	5.0	5.8	7.0	8.4

TABLE B. VICTORIA - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTH-TO-MONTH MOVEMENTS
(1'000)

Size of larger estimate	4.5	5.0	6.0	10.0	20.0	50.0	100.0	200.0	300.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Standard error	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.6